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UTILITIES BOARD SCORED BY NORTHEAST CITIZENS

Declare Commission's Action in Reducing Gas Candlepower Unfair to Consumers.

Demand Price Reduction to 75 Cents a Thousand-Criticise Telephone and Electric Light Services.

Questions affecting the gas, electric light and telephone service were dis-cussed at a meeting of the Northeast Citizens' Association held last night in Northeast Tempie, 12th and H streets northeast, and the association by unanimous vote decided to ask the public

The question of the retention of rule 45 by the board of education, which provides that teachers who marry automatically retire from their positions, was discussed, and by an almost unanimous vote the organization went on record as favoring enforcement of the

Roscoe Jenkins, secretary of the as

Roscoe Jenkins, secretary of the association and chairman of the committee on public utilities, submitted a report in response to the letter of the Washington Gas Light Company received by the association in answer to the action taken at the last meeting. His report reads:

"The chief contention made by the commission in support of its action in establishing the heat unit standard is that gas made under that standard is relatively less expensive to manufacture than the gas furnished under the illuminating standard, and it is therefore in the interest of economy that the illuminating standard and that this economy should eventually be felt by the consumers since the law provides that the rates for gas used in the District of Columbia shall be fixed by the public utilities commission, inferring that some day the public utilities commission will see to it that the consumer gets his rake off through the decrease in the cost of production, probably after the completion of the valuation and investigation of the gas light companies now being made.

"In the meantime the consumers must put up with a gas of inferior illuminating quality or purchase incandescent mantles and thereby contribute again to the profits of the gas light companies. First by paying it for a gas costing less to produce at the same rate charges for the more expensive product, and second by having to purchase mantles and fixtures, another product which the gas light companies are very much interested in.

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'It seems unfair to your committee for the public utilities commission to grant concessions to the gas light companies, thereby increasing their al-ready enormous profits, before the investigation and valuation of their properties have been completed, and at the same time alleging to the con-sumers that it cannot make any con-cessions to them until it has completed its investigations and valuation of the gas light companies.
"With the technical arguments sub-

mitted by the commission your com-mittee has no contention, and assuming sergeant-at-arms to seat Senator Boy-

with the cheaper gas and necessary mantles.

"Your committee recommends that the public utilities commission be requested to establish a cheaper rate for gas, say not to exceed 75 cents per thousand feet, pending the completion of the valuation and investigation of the gas light companies now being that.

the commission be requested to advise this association by what authority, naming the paragraph of section 8, creating the public utilities commis-sion, it superseded the act of Congress requiring a 22-candlepower illuminat-ing standard, as per order of July 23, 1914."

Seeks Electric Light Inquiry.

W. S. Bransom, who last month discheaper gas, presented a report in the form of a resolution dealing with the form of a resolution dealing with the electric light and telephone service. He contended that the practice of the Potomac Electric Power Company in making a flat charge of \$1 a month, no matter if only 10 cents' worth of current is used, is unlawful and suggested that the company should be penalized if such is the case.

Congress has established a maximum price to be charged for the current, Mr. Bransom contended, and the committee failed to find that that law had been abrogated. It was further recited in the resolution that the association believes the present rate charged for the electric current is excessive, and suggested a

current is excessive, and suggested a charge of one-half the prevailing rate, declaring that such a charge would not a reasonable return on the amount of capital invested.

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The resolution concluded with the statement that the association believes the present rates charged for telephone service in the District are grossly excessive. In support of the resolution, Mr. Brandom read the law relating to the electric light service and related an instance in which a prominent resident of the city questioned the authority of the Potomac Electric Power Company to assess its charges under the regulation. That individual, Mr. Bransom declared, refused to pay his bills and defied the company to cut off the current.

"He now has an accumulation of unpaid bills," said Mr. Bransom, "and the current has not been cut off."

Mr. Blandon, a guest of the association, said he wondered if members of Congress have any stock in the corporations.

"In no other cities with the execution of

porations.
"In no other cities with the exception of Washington and Baltimore are merchants denied an unlimited telephone service." he said, "and if such conditions existed in my state the governor would call a special session of the legislature to correct them."

oct them."

Dr. Percival Hall questioned the right of the public utilities commission to make laws regulating the utilities. Congress, he said, has not the power to delegate such authority to that body.

The report was adopted without a fissenting vote, and a copy of the resolutions will be sent to the public utilities commission.

Fiscal Facts Obtained.

Dr. L. D. Walter presented a resolu ion stating "that we believe justice and equity in its dealings with the District of Columbia require that the United States government should bear a reasonable proportion of the expenses

The resolution was adopted, and at the suggestion of Evan H. Tucker, president of the association, an appropriation of \$20 was made to help defray the expenses of the committee working for the maintenance of the half-and-half plan.

W. G. Lang presented the question of indorsing rule 45 of the school board. He said he brought up the question by request of a number of married women selding in the northeast section. The

esiding in the northeast section. The ule, he said, complies with the best vishes of a great majority of mothers. The appointment of married women to ositions in the schools, he said, means 1-pt. Emulsion Cod Liver Oil...

the Normal School are unable to get appointments.

"And if such a condition is to continue," he said, "there will come a time when Normal School graduates will not be found to fill the school positions. If the young women know there is no chance for appointment to positions as teachers they will seek other employment without going through the Normal School.

Extra Money to Spend.

"The appointment of married wom en," he added, "only means to give them a little bunch of money to spend, and their husbands also will have ar extra amount unless they are too lazy

Dr. Starr Parsons said he feared Mr Lang wanted to keep all the teachers on the "old maid" list. He thought it manifestly unfair to stamp a young woman "old maid" when she receives

woman "old maid" when she receives an appointment.
"It is none of the business of the board of education whether the teachers are married or single," Dr. Parsons said. "If they perform their duties conscientiously that is all that should be required of them."

Roscoe Jenkins came to the aid of the married women. He thought the marriage question should not be considered by the board.

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JUSTIFIED BY GERMANY

Consents. However, That the Question Shall Be Taken Before a Prize Court.

LONDON, April 13 .- Replying to the Dutch note protesting against the Harbors and Their Relation to Agrisinking of the Dutch steamer Meda by a German submarine and the seizure by a submarine of the Dutch steamers Batavier V and Zaanstroom, Germany has expressed the opinion that the action of her submarines was in accordance with the terms of the declaration of London, says Reuter's Amsterdam correspondent.

"Germany announces, however," the correspondent adds, "that she has decided to submit the question of justifi-cation to a prize court as soon as pos-sible. Assurances are given in the cation to a prize court as soon as possible. Assurances are given in the German reply that there is no question of any change in the political attitude of Germany toward Holland. Holland, in her protest, had said that international law did not recognize the destruction of neutral prizes as in the case of the Meda, and that, moreover, the destruction of this ship was not proportionate to the strategic aim of preventing her cargo of oranges reaching a hostile country.

C. J. Owens to Make Report.

The Latin American trade committee, appointed by Secretary Redfield, will be represented by several members, and a report will be made to the congress by Clarence J. Owens, managing director of the Southern Commercial Congress, who is a member of this committee.

Four international organizations will be represented. "Steadying the World's Prough Agricultural Steadying the Prough

mittee has no contention, and assuming them to be true it is every evidence that the 22-candlepower illuminating standard should have been retained, at least until the valuation and investigation of the gas light companies have been completed, or the public utilities commission should have exercised the authority it says was given it by law to regulate the rates charged for gas and established a cheaper rate along with the cheaper gas and necessary mantles.

"Your committee recommends that the public utilities commission be re-

ARE TO BE IN EVIDENCE

Program for Sixth Annual Convention of Southern Commercial Congress Completed.

Officials in all branches of the gov ernment service are to have prominent part in the sixth annual convention of the Southern Commercial Congress. held in Muskogee, Okla., April 26

President Wilson is on the progra for an address on the opening day Senator Duncan U. Fletcher of Florida president of the congress, is to preside There is to be a speech of welcon from Senator Robert L. Owen of Okla-

The Treasury Department, the De Dr. Percival Hall said he was glad to be able to announce that part of the Fatterson tract is to be given for use as a playground. He aiso reported, as chairman of the committee on parks and public spaces, that the old right of way of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad in northeast Washington is to be graded and beautified.

It was reported to the association that the parking in the middle of Maryland avenue is to be brilliantly lighted as soon as money is available for that purpose.

SINKING OF DUTCH SHIP

HISTIEIED BY GERMANY of Agriculture and the Department

Chinese Minister to Attend.

Diplomatic representatives of several countries will be in attendance, in cluding His Excellency Kai Fu Shah Chinese minister to the United States. Senator Joseph E. Ransdell will be present. representing the National Rivers and Harbors Congress, and will deliver an address on "Our Rivers and culture.

Among the national organizations to be represented are the United States commission on rural credits, appointed by President Wilson, to be represented by Representative Moss of Indiana. The United States commission co-operated with the American commission in the investigation of rural finance in eighteen countries of Europe in 1913. The United States commission has, by act of Congress, been perpetuated throughout the fiscal year 1916.

C. J. Owens to Make Report.

Whitman's Bill Passes Senate.

ALBANY, N. Y., April 13.—In an exciting session, marked by three orders from Lieut. Gov. Schoeneck for the

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griculture; Representative William S. oodwin of Arkansus, member national arketing commission; David F. louston, Secretary of Agriculture; Rep-

fifty-four nations, prepared by David Lubin, the American delegate.

John Barrett, director general of the Pan-American Union, will deliver an address on foreign trade day, interpreting the activities of the Pan-American Union, a federation of American Those prominent in government affairs and Washington life who are on the program are: Myron T. Herrick, former Governor of Ohlo, former United States ambassador to France; Joseph E. Ransdell, United States senator from Louisiana, president National Rivers and Harbors Congress; Dr. C. F. Marvin, chief, United States weather bureau, Dr. Cherles J. Brand, chief. or of the Panama Canal Zone; William G. McAdoo, Secretary of the Treasury; John Barrett, director general, Pan-American Union, and Kai Fu Shah, en-

PEACE FLAG FLOATING

Holland-America Liner Carries U. S. Delegates to Women's Con-

ference at The Hague.

voy extraordinary and minister plentpotentiary from China.

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Friends of the delegates and supportors of the peace movement who gathered at the pier discussed with few men are wise.

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Miss Jane Addams of Chicago, who some concern Miss Addams' intimation french of San Francisco.

led the delegation, said she had doubts whether it was permissible to fly the flag until she received last night a message from a representative who had consulted Robert Lansing, counselor for the State Department at Washington. The message said:

"Officially the United States can say nothing, as it is a foreign ship. But fly ahead."

Snow White Pennant.

The flag was a snow-white pennant bearing the word "Peace" in blue letters. It was given by Mayor Mitchel O'Reilly, from New York, Mrs. Geo of New York. It was designed by the Rublee of Washington, Miss Sophoni-NEW YORK, April 13.—A huge peace flag floated from a masthead of the Holland-America line steamship Noordam today as the forty or more delegates from America went on board to gates from America went on board to sail for Rattaria went on board to but we are secure in our conviction to berg, members of the steamship line. Speaking of the Abbott, Dr Alice Hamilton, Miss flag at a farewell dinner last evening, beca Shelly, Miss Grace Wales of Miss Addams had said that "we cannot University of Wissensin, Mrs. National Control of Chicago, Miss Grace Wales of Miss Addams had said that "we cannot university of Wissensin, Mrs. National Control of Chicago, Miss Grace Wales of Miss Addams had said that "we cannot university of Wissensin, Mrs. National Control of Chicago, Miss Grace Wales of Miss Addams had said that "we cannot university of Wissensin, Mrs. National Control of Chicago, Miss Grace Wales of Miss Addams had said that "we cannot university of Wissensin, Mrs. National Control of Chicago, Miss Grace Wales of Miss Addams had said that "we cannot university of Wissensin, Mrs. National Control of Chicago, Miss Grace Wales of Miss Addams had said that "we cannot university of Wissensin, Mrs. National Control of Chicago, Miss Grace Wales of Miss Addams had said that "we cannot university of Wissensin, Mrs. National Control of Chicago, Miss Grace Wales of Miss Addams had said that "we cannot university of Wissensin, Mrs. National Control of Chicago, Miss Grace Wales of Miss Addams had said that "we cannot university of Wissensin, Mrs. National Control of Chicago, Miss Grace Wales of Miss Addams had said that "we cannot university of Wissensin, Mrs. National Control of Chicago, Miss Grace Wales of Chicago,

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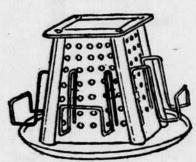
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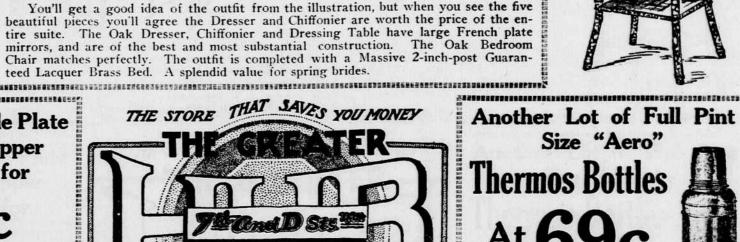


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